

BEFORE THE FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

In the Matter of)
)
American Meat Institute - PAC) MUR 5108
and Sara Lilygren, as treasurer)

CONCILIATION AGREEMENT

This matter was initiated by the Federal Election Commission ("Commission") pursuant to information ascertained in the normal course of carrying out its supervisory responsibilities.

The Commission found reason to believe that the American Meat Institute - PAC and Sara Lilygren, as treasurer, ("Respondents") violated 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(4)(A)(i).

NOW, THEREFORE, the Commission and the Respondents, having participated in informal methods of conciliation, prior to a finding of probable cause to believe, do hereby agree as follows:

I. The Commission has jurisdiction over the Respondents and the subject matter of this proceeding, and this agreement has the effect of an agreement entered pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g (a)(4)(A)(i).

II. Respondents have had a reasonable opportunity to demonstrate that no action should be taken in this matter.

III. Respondents enter voluntarily into this agreement with the Commission.

IV. The pertinent facts in this matter are as follows:

1. American Meat Institute - PAC is a political committee within the meaning of 2 U.S.C. § 431(4), and is not an authorized committee of any candidate.
2. Sara J. Lilygren is the treasurer of American Meat Institute - PAC.
3. In any calendar year in which a regularly scheduled general election is held, all political committees that choose not to file on a monthly basis shall file quarterly reports, which shall be filed no later than the 15th day after the last day of each calendar quarter.
2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(4)(A)(i).

4. Pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(4)(A)(i), Respondents were required to file the 2000 April Quarterly Report no later than April 15, 2000. Respondents filed the 2000 April Quarterly Report, which disclosed \$30,695 in receipts and \$47,000 in disbursements, on June 14, 2000, 60 days late.

V. Respondents failed to timely file the 2000 April Quarterly Report, in violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434 (a)(4)(A)(i).

VI. Respondents will pay a civil penalty to the Federal Election Commission in the amount of One Thousand, Eighty Dollars (\$1,080) pursuant to 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(5)(A).

VII. The Commission, on request of anyone filing a complaint under 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(1) concerning the matters at issue herein or on its own motion, may review compliance with this agreement. If the Commission believes that this agreement or any requirement thereof has been violated, it may institute a civil action for relief in the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.


VIII. This agreement shall become effective as of the date that all parties hereto have executed same and the Commission has approved the entire agreement.

IX. Respondents shall have no more than thirty (30) days from the date this agreement becomes effective to comply with and implement the requirements contained in this agreement and to so notify the Commission.

X. This Conciliation Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties on the matters raised herein, and no other statement, promise, or agreement, either written or oral, made by either party or by agents of either party, that is not contained in this written agreement shall be enforceable.


FOR THE COMMISSION:

Lawrence M. Noble
General Counsel

BY: 
Lois G. Lerner
Associate General Counsel

12/22/00
Date

FOR THE RESPONDENTS:

 12.18.00
(Name) SARA LILJEDEN Date
(Position) SR. VICE PRESIDENT,
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AMERICAN MEAT INSTITUTE